

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-10 and 12 have been pending in the application.

The claims are amended and cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice. Thus, the pending claims remain for reconsideration, which is requested.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang (U.S. Pub. No. 2003-0131110) in view of Henry (U.S. Patent No. 5,774,058).

Claims 4, 8 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable, if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The independent claims are 1, 5 and 9. Independent claim 1 is amended to require the limitations of objected to allowed dependent claim 4. Thus, it is understood that independent claim 1 is allowable, which is requested.

Independent claims 5 and 9 are amended to require limitations of objected to allowed dependent claims 8 and 12, respectively.

Allowance of the claims is requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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